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REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 13, and 14 will have been amended to clarify the features of Applicant's invention. In view of the herein contained amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action are no longer adequate or sufficient to either anticipate or render unpatentable the combinations of features recited in each of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 10- 21 pending in the present application are submitted to be patentable over the references of record herein and an action to such effect is respectfully requested in due course.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner set forth how he believes the features of the present application are still unpatentable based on a discussion of the EDGAR (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0176113) disclosure. In the Examiner's description of the EDGAR disclosure, on page 2 of the Detailed Action -- Response to Arguments, the Examiner indicated that the second luminance signal is the signal input to the blurring algorithm 802 and which creates a dynamic image mask B, which is then input to a low pass filter. However the Examiner admits that the first luminance data and the color difference data are passed through the high pass filter 806 and, together with the signal output from the low pass filter, are combined to create a median mask. The median mask, according to the Examiner is combined with the original image to create the enhanced image

However, by present response, Applicants have more clearly defined the synthesizing processor recited in the present claims to clarify that the first luminance data, the color difference data and the third luminance data are synthesized into the synthesized image data, without

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synthesizing filtered color difference data. This is clearly not disclosed by EDGAR, in which, according to the Examiner's interpretation thereof, the color difference is filtered by both the high and low pass filters.

At least for this additional reason, in addition for the reasons set forth in the previous response, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims in the present application are clearly patentable over the disclosure of the EDGAR publication.

The present submission has been filed together with an request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the herein contained claims, to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and provide Applicant with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in due course. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application into condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so. Applicant has amended the claims to even more clearly distinguish the combinations of features recited in Applicants claims from the disclosure of the EDGAR document relied upon by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action. Applicant has pointed out the shortcomings and deficiencies of the EDGAR reference with respect to the recitations of the pending claims. Applicant has additionally shown how the claims in the present application are clearly patentable over the references of record herein. Accordingly, Applicant has provided a clear evidentiary basis supporting the patentability of all the claims in the present application and respectfully request an indication to such effect, in due course.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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